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## COL. BUDD'S DINNER

**Celebrated His Fifty-second Birthday Last Week.**

**Girl Employees Presented Him With Magnificent Bunch of 52 Chrysanthemums.**

No one is better known in Fort Pierce and vicinity than Colonel J. Frank Budd, of Burlington, N. J., who has a fine winter home in Fort Pierce and spends each winter here. The Burlington Gazette pays him a handsome tribute on the occasion of his 52d birthday,

business bearing his name, yesterday passed the fifty second milestone in his career and celebrated the event by giving a dinner to a number of his business associates. All day yesterday the genial colonel was kept busy receiving congratulations from his numerous employes with whom he is very popular. In honor of the anniversary of his natal day he was presented by the women attaches of the works with fifty-two chrysanthemums. He also received fifty-two red rosebuds and numerous other floral gifts.

"At dinner last night these gifts graced the table, which was literally covered with the bright blooms.

"Those present were S. Wilcox, E. Allen Horn, Washington Irwin, Clarence Fennimore, George W. Sisom,



COL. J. FRANK BUDD

which occurred on November 21st, in the account of the celebration of the event:

"Since J. F. Budd, president of the shoe company bearing his name, first saw the light down in Bass River township fifty-two years ago yesterday, it is probable there has been nothing in all his experience that so keenly appealed to the finer feeling of his nature and gave him greater pleasure than the birthday token he received from the girls employed in the factory.

"This consisted of fifty-two handsome chrysanthemums neatly arranged with a large photograph of our townsman and one of the company's conspicuous 1907 calendars placed in a very prominent position above them. The flowers were much admired by all who saw them and it is a question whether the girls experienced more pleasure in presenting them to their employer than he did in receiving them.

"It was a great day in Budd's factory and it goes without saying that from the highest to the lowest there was not one employee who did not wish in his or her heart that health and prosperity would continue to follow Mr. Budd.

"In the evening Mr. Budd gave a fine dinner in Philadelphia in honor of his birthday to six of the representatives of what might be termed the manufacturing departments of the now famous baby shoe plant of which he is the head. These gentlemen presented their host with fifty-two chrysanthemums and fifty-two roses, which made a charming floral combination that was simply dazzling in appearance, the occasion being a very delightful one.

"The Gazette begs to extend congratulations to all parties in interest and also to join in seasonable felicitations to our esteemed friend, the hero of the occasion."

The Enterprise, of the same town, publishes a good likeness of the Colonel and has the following to say of the occasion:

"Colonel J. Frank Budd, the executive head of the shoe manufacturing

Charles Stowell and Geo. S. Tillinghast.

The Colonel made a delightful host, and the festivities were kept up until a late hour. After-dinner speeches were made and the flow of oratory was surprising. In the party were three Burlington councilmen, and while their oratorical efforts in the sessions of that body have not been very pronounced, last night they were at their best and made speeches that would excite the envy of Chauncey Depew. A marked feature of the evening was the clever imitation given by Colonel Budd of the strenuous life led by President Roosevelt.

"When the party dispersed they wished the colonel many happy returns of his natal day."

Col. Budd is expected to arrive in Fort Pierce next week to spend the winter, as is his custom, and he will be heartily welcomed by his hosts of friends.

### Installs New Engine.

A new Regal gas engine is being installed in K. B. Raulerson's new pump house—which is nearing completion—this week by R. R. Gladwin. This engine will be used to pump water for Mr. Raulerson's tank, which supplies his residence and also the News building.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

**Entertainments Were Very Successful.**

**Union Service, Big Dinners, Baseball Game, Reception and Musicals Were Features.**

Thanksgiving was spent in various ways in Fort Pierce. The day was rather blustery, but that did not mar the pleasure in any way.

The Union Thanksgiving service in the Methodist church was well attended. The music was specially prepared and excellently rendered, while the sermon by Rev. Dr. Moore, of the Episcopal church, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Dinner followed the sermon and no doubt many feasts were spread in various parts of the town.

The Jensen baseball team arrived in town on the 11 o'clock train, accompanied by about twenty-five of their friends from Jensen and Stewart. The team was royally entertained at dinner by Mine Host Crooks at the Stetson hotel.

At 2:30 the ball game was called and proved to be an interesting contest, interspersed with much kicking by both sides. A big crowd turned out to witness the contest and were given their money's worth.

The line-up was as follows:

Fort Pierce		Jensen
Killer	c	Trice
Hendrix	p	Tucker
Morrow	1st b.	Racey
VanLandingham	2d b.	Stanley
Brown	3d b.	Baker
Justice	ss	Manch
Snellgrove	r f.	Steinhauser
Saunders	c f.	Coon
Budd	lf	Archibald

The slaughter began in the first inning, and the visiting team continued to lay it on to the home team until the finish, and when the smoke cleared away the score stood 10 to 5 in favor of Jensen.

The visitors led off with two runs in the first inning, and never did it look like a victory for Fort Pierce.

One accident marred the general pleasantness of the game, when in the sixth inning Dr. VanLandingham was struck on the wrist by a pitched ball while at bat. The lick caused such a pain that the doctor was compelled to quit the game and Howard Saunders was called in to take his place. The bruise was giving him much pain last night.

Brown relieved Hendrix in the box in the seventh, but the unmerciful slaughter continued, and Jensen proudly bore off the honors of the day.

The band was on the ground and encouraged the players by some enlivening two-steps, while the rooting in the grandstand was loud and good natured.

During the afternoon the ladies of the Improvement Club held a reception in the parlors of the club house, celebrating the first anniversary of the opening of the building to the public.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the entertainment, which was announced in last week's News, was opened.

A large crowd assembled at the Improvement Club and promptly at 8 o'clock the sweet strains of the overture by the Fort Pierce Band brought down the house. With this the entertainment opened in full swing and the applause which greeted each number was loud and generous. All the numbers were well rendered and lack of space forbids us to specialize.

The theatrical part of the entertainment was concluded with the laugh-

able skit, "Box and Cox," the honors being carried off by Mr. George T. Backus, as "Mr. Box," though he was ably supported by Mrs. A. K. Wilson and Mr. W. E. Tylander.

The following is the complete programme:

Overture—Fort Pierce Band.  
Vocal solo—Miss Grace Friedley.  
Reading—Mrs. A. K. Wilson.  
Violin obligato—Mr. Wm. Pomeroy.  
Vocal solo—Mrs. Wm. Pomeroy.  
Reading—Miss Sydnor Davenport.  
Mandolin duet—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pomeroy.

Farce, "Box and Cox"—"Mrs. Bouncer," Mrs. A. K. Wilson; "Mr. Box," George T. Backus, and "Mr. Cox," Mr. W. E. Tylander.

After the entertainment dancing was in order, and a merry party tripped the "light fantastic" until the strains of "Home, Sweet Home," brought the day's round of thanks and pleasure to a close, and all retired to their homes, well pleased with everything and everybody.

A number of out-of-town people witnessed the ball game and attended the entertainment.

### Church Notices.

Service in St. Andrews, Episcopal church next Sunday will be as follows; Sunday school at 10 a. m., W. T. Harbin, Superintendent. Morning service at 11 o'clock, and the theme of the sermon will be "Who are proper persons to receive the holy communion?" This question is not always rightly understood and the pastor would like to see all the parishioners and friends at this service. Evening service, 7:30, theme "Passing away." Wednesday evening prayer and address at 7:30. Seats are free and all are welcome.

The Baptist Sunday school will celebrate Christmas by giving an entertainment and Christmas tree in the church. The program is being arranged and no effort will be spared by either superintendent or teachers to make it one of the best in town.

Rev. E. E. Woodson will preach in the Baptist Sunday morning and evening December 2nd at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school 10 a. m., every body invited to all services.

### Sons and Daughters of Temperance.

The meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance last Friday night, mention of which was made in THE NEWS, was held in the Improvement Club hall. All officers and members were present and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Keefer were added to the roll.

By a unanimous vote the name of the local lodge was adopted as "Fort Pierce Division No. 1." The matter of a regular meeting place and time were taken up and the recording scribe was instructed to write the Masonic lodge asking permission to use the Masonic hall twice a month. R. E. Mims, was also appointed to see that the matter was brought before that body and report to the officers.

At the next meeting of the division a short literary program will be rendered, thus enlivening the business session with the social features. No time was named for the next meeting and the adjournment was taken to meet at the call of the officers.

News reached Fort Pierce Wednesday night of the death of Miss Grace Williams, sister of Mrs. F. C. Stetson, of our town. The death which was sudden occurred in Jacksonville Wednesday. Miss Williams at one time resided in Fort Pierce and had a host of friends who will mourn her untimely demise.

Fort Drum items came too late for this issue.

## J. H. JEAKINS DEAD

**One of the Prominent Men of This Community.**

**Death was the Result of an Accident Last Week at Eldred.**

**—Internal Injuries.**

For the second time during the past month the community was shocked last Saturday morning by the receipt of the news that a prominent citizen of Fort Pierce had died in the St. Augustine hospital. J. Harvey Jeakins was summoned by the death angel at 4:30 that morning.

THE NEWS last week made exclusive mention of the accident which resulted in his death. Mr. Jeakins, with several other gentlemen, was assisting Mr. Hal S. Thomas in putting a roof on the latter's home. Messrs. Jeakins and Edgar Lewis were on a patent scaffold when the hooks slipped and both men were thrown violently to the ground. In the fall Mr. Jeakins struck a stationary scaffold and received considerable injuries on the hip and internally and rendered incapable of catching himself or in any way breaking the force of his fall to the ground. Friends immediately picked up the injured men and summoned a physician. Mr. Jeakins was placed in a buggy and driven rapidly home. He was able to sit up and it was thought at the time he was only slightly hurt.

Dr. VanLandingham, who was summoned by phone, found him joking with his friends and suffering very little. Next morning the pain had grown and it was realized he was injured internally and he grew worse. Friday morning Dr. VanLandingham decided to take him to the hospital, and they left on the eleven o'clock train accompanied by Mrs. Jeakins. He appeared to be much better when the train left, but at Sebastian, he had a sinking spell, and it took considerable work on the doctor's part to rally him. At Melbourne, Dr. L. A. Peck boarded the train and assisted with him as far as Eau Gallie, and at Cocoa, Dr. W. L. Hughlett in answer to a telegram got aboard and they succeeded by hard work in placing him in the hospital in St. Augustine that night.

He seemed to rally again and rested comparatively well. However, death came suddenly at 4:30, and the only warning the physicians had was a moment before the end, just a slight struggle by the sufferer and it was all over, with no time to summon his wife who was in another room.

The body was embalmed Saturday in St. Augustine, and brought to Fort Pierce Sunday morning for burial. A special meeting of the Masonic lodge of this place, of which he was a member, was called Saturday afternoon and arrangements made for the funeral which took place Tuesday at the cemetery an Eldred.

The funeral was largely attended by members of the various lodges, school children and devoted friends. A short service was read at the residence by Rev. T. W. Tomkies, when the Masons took charge and conducted the burial service with their beautiful ceremony. The pall-bearers, representing the various fraternal orders, were C. T. McCarty, A. C. Dittmar, H. I. Klopp, R. Whyte and W. E. VanLandingham.

He was a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Woodmen lodges of Fort Pierce, as well as a Patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mr. Jeakins was one of the successful pineapple growers of this section. He came to Florida from Illinois seven years ago and by means of hard work had built him a beautiful home just south of Fort Pierce on the famous pineapple ridge. This home he recently sold to his father and was preparing to build another and more commanding one for himself.

Mr. Jeakins was born in Champaign, Ill., August 5, 1870, and was reared in that state. His friends here who were many knew him as a man of high character, a noble friend and a loving husband and father.

He leaves a wife a little daughter, father, mother and several brothers to mourn his loss, and THE NEWS joins the hundreds of friends in extending sympathy and condolence in this their time of sorrow.

## FEE & STEWART COMPANY—HARDWARE MERCHANTS

This business was founded by Frank H. Fee at Melbourne in 1887. For years he did a good business all down Indian river and in June of 1902 the Fee & Stuart Company, which has been incorporated, opened a store in Fort Pierce to meet the growing demand for goods of their lines in this territory. The Fort Pierce store immediately began to do a large business and at once outstripped the older stores up the river, and has been growing in volume of business ever since.

The officers of this company are Frank H. Fee, president; William I.

Fee, treasurer, and Chas. H. Stewart, vice-president and secretary. Wm. I. Fee is manager of the Fort Pierce store, and an immense amount of hardware business is transacted there each month.

The immense stock occupies at present about 1,500 square feet and consists of shelf hardware, builders' supplies, paints, oils and varnishes, agricultural implements, wire fencing, house furnishings, boat and launch supplies, plumbers' fittings, pumps, sewer and gas-pipes and fittings. A plumbing department is run in connection,

while a specialty is made of undertaking—in charge of a licensed embalmer.

In the present quarters facing Palmetto avenue the stock is somewhat crowded and the company has in course of erection a spacious two story concrete store building, 50x70, adjoining the old store on the east and facing Pine street. They expect to move into the new quarters soon after the New Year, and when everything is completed and the stock arranged it will be one of the best and neatest stores on the East Coast.